



IT'S A STRAIGHT FLUSH

CONNERY PLACES

Office Holding Record of Family in State, County and City Arouses Public Interest in "Fire Appliances."

There are citizens who believe that it is contrary to good public policy in a free country to put too many of the public offices in one community in the possession of members of a single family.

The threats made by members of the Connery Gang to put The Eagle out of business impelled this newspaper to ferret out just what grasp the Connerys have on public affairs.

The result is startling and of interest to taxpayers, voters and the public generally.

No wonder some of this gang of public payroll ornaments believe that they can use the United States Government in their business.

They evidently have found the State of Illinois, County of Cook and City of Chicago.

Very profitable and easily worked attachments to the family possessions. Democrats in Chicago are wondering why all of the public jobs are not given to Connery's.

It may be due to the fact that there are not enough Connerys to go around. Connerys First!

What a noble family motto that is to be sure.

And often has the Democratic party fallen for the Connerys and their well-known hankering for good things.

"State Street Store" Blocki as you may have heard him referred to, a partner of John T. Connery in the coal business, is a member of the Board of Review.

William J. Connery, nephew of John T. Connery, holds the nice-salaried job of Secretary of Reviewer Blocki.

Partner Blocki will run for re-election next year, so prepare your ballots.

Good stories of city contracts and of other contracts in which the Connery connections were alleged to have been interested are not so far forgotten that the public interest in them ever wholly died out.

There was a number of talented Democratic leaders who held office or contracts under the Busse-BUSINESS administration.

We have referred to some of these worthies before as our files will attest.

But talking of the Busse BUSINESS administration, Democrats do not forget the party treason which brought it about.

Democrats do not forget the dose that some members of the Connery gang gave Mayor Dunne in 1907 when he was running for re-election.

Although looked upon by many in the light of the Royal Family of the Democratic party, entitled to most, if not to all, of the jobs in its gift, the Connerys are alleged to have given such great support to Busse and to have worked so hard at defeat Dunne that Busse's gratitude was great.

When John W. Rainey, always a good Democrat and an able man, was running for Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1911, the Connery outfit fought him at the polls in favor of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., a Republican.

When Robert M. Sweitzer was running for the Democratic nomination for Mayor in 1915, the Connerys saw another chance to put a member of the family in that office and they trotted out Francis D. Connery, then City Clerk and now Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

But the Democratic stomach was showing signs of balking at an over-diet of Connery and the noble Francis

D. was sent back to the payroll to wait for another chance.

Sweitzer got the nomination and it is said that the Connery following did not forgive him for crowding out one of the princes of the blood and were not over-enthusiastic for Sweitzer's election—to say the least.

This year the Connerys are not asking for much.

It is reported that Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., son-in-law of John T. Connery will not seek Republican nomination for Clerk of the Circuit Court against John W. Rainey, the present efficient Democratic incumbent of that office.

Joseph F. Connery, a brother of John T. Connery and a brother of Francis D. Connery and an uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will seek a renomination for Recorder of Deeds.

Michael M. Connery, brother of John T., Joseph F., and Francis D., may get back his former official job as Inspector for Attorney General Lucey.

Henry E. Connery, brother of Michael M. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Francis D. Connery, and uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will hold his present lucrative job as State Bank Examiner.

Francis D. Connery, brother of Henry E. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Michael M. Connery; uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will retain his present \$6,000 a year job as Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

State Street Blocki, the business partner of John T. Connery, will not have a chance to run again for his present job on the Board of Review, until next year.

So William J. Connery, nephew of John T., Joseph F., Francis D., and Michael M. Connery will retain his nice-salaried job as Blocki's Secretary.

But by next year a few more offices may be created for a few more Connerys as it would be too bad to have Blocki, John T. Connery's partner in the coal business running on a ticket where there was not another member of the Connery family to keep him from getting lonesome.

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Clerk Board of Review 6 years at \$1,500—\$9,000.

James J. Riordan (Brother-in-law of Francis).

Police officer in City Clerk's office. James P. Riordan (Nephew of Francis).

Clerk Recorder's office. Salary not stated.

Several Women Relatives—Clerks in Recorder's office. Salaries not stated.

One Woman Relative—Treasurer. Salary not stated.

Other small positions held by Connerys mentioned. Salaries not stated.

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The people have known right along that the Connerys were credited with holding many public jobs in Chicago.

The people have known right along that the Connerys were in the coal business to make money.

They have known right along that a member of the Connery coal firm is a member of the Board of Review.

They have known right along this of all's private secretary was a Connery.

They have known right along that the Attorney General's Office investigates matters connected with public offices.

They have known right along that an Official Investigator of the Illinois Attorney General's Office was a Connery.

They have known right along that a city clerk some of whose methods the present city clerk did not follow was a Connery.

They have known right along that the man who passes on the bills of Contractors for the Sanitary District of Chicago is a Connery—the Comptroller of the District.

They have known right along that the rather important job of State Bank Examiner is held by a Connery.

They have known right along that many of the public offices in Cook County are noneycombed with Connerys.

They know that the Recorder of Deeds, who runs again this year,

ALL OF SAME SUIT

Ticket for Best Jobs Does Not Contain Name of a Yankee, German, Italian, Jew, Pole or Scandinavian.

The Democratic county ticket attracts wide attention.

A Connery is on it, of course, for one of the best jobs.

For the big county offices there isn't a Yankee name or a Bohemian, Scandinavian, Polish, Jewish, Belgian, Hungarian, Austrian, Italian, Russian, French or German.

No Germans were wanted. Some of the leaders were interviewed by The Tribune with the following results:

Ross C. Hall, representing the country towns, said:

"Our ticket will be unbeatable in November after we have slated a few Poles for the Municipal court."

Democratic machine determined to crush Governor Edward F. Dunne.

Waiting until the Friday before the primary they suddenly denounced the respected chief executive of the state in resolutions a yard and a half long and ordered their followers to support "Bill" Brinton of Dixon for the nomination. On the morning of the primary every precinct captain in Chicago received the following order signed by the boss at Democratic headquarters:

"The Democratic County Committee has endorsed William B. Brinton for Governor. We look to you to carry your precinct for him."

The result was a surprise for the same.

Most of the precinct captains went into open rebellion. Asked at the last hour to betray an honest governor whose good official record is the only platform the Democratic party has to go to the people on, they voted for Dunne and so did nearly everybody else.

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would have received had they been retained in the schools.

There were sixty-eight teachers ousted by the Board of Education. Thirty-seven of these were members of the federation.

As the teachers received from \$1,000 to \$1,600 a year, or an average salary of nearly \$1,300, the total amount the federation will have to pay amounts to approximately \$50,000.

Almost \$30,000 of this sum has been raised. The rest, according to Mrs. Ida L. M. Fursman, president of the federation, will soon be subscribed. Meanwhile the ousted teachers are acting as business agents of the federation, in the same capacity as Miss Margaret Haley.

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CHARLES H. WACKER, Leader in the Financial World and Director of the Corn Exchange National Bank.

JUICY JOBS FOR CONNERYS

A circular containing the following information was sent out broadcast in the Twenty-eighth ward during a late primary for Democratic Ward Committeeman and created much comment at the time:

"John will take the honors and Francis the jobs."

Below is a list of Connery's relatives that are on the public pay roll.

Francis D. Connery.

Alderman 1901-1903—2 years—\$1,500—\$9,000.

Alderman 1907-1909—2 years—\$1,500—\$9,000.

City Clerk 1909-1915—6 years—\$5,000—\$30,000.

Comptroller Sanitary District at \$6,000 per year, 1915.

When Mr. Connery got his appointment with the Sanitary District, Mr. Eugene Boland, a Civil Engineer residing in the Twenty-eighth ward, was let out of his position.

Joseph F. Connery (Brother of Francis).

As County Recorder 4 years at \$9,000—\$36,000.

M. F. Connery.

In Recorder's office 4 years at \$1,500—\$6,000.

Henry Connery (Brother of Francis).

In Bank Examiner Brady's office 4 years at \$2,500—\$10,000.

Michael M. Connery (Brother of above).

Inspector in Attorney General's of William J. Connery (Nephew of above).

Clerk Municipal Court 6 years at \$1,320—\$7,920.

The circular winds up with this statement:

"Other Connerys are holding office besides those mentioned above."

The above circular circulated by 28th